



St Michael's Parish, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

Website: nowraparish.org.au Incorporates the Church Communities of St Michael, Nowra; St Patrick, Berry
Sacred Heart, Bomaderry; Mary, Help of Christians, Culburra; St Joseph, Kangaroo Valley; Holy Spirit, Vincentia.

Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

15 December 2013

Sunday Masses:

NOWRA:..... 6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 6pm
BERRY:..... 8.00am
BOMADERRY: 9.30am
CULBURRA:.....6pm Vigil
VINCENTIA:6pm Vigil & 9.30am.
KANGAROO VALLEY:..... 11.00am

Mass times for the Week.

Nowra: Monday 7.00.a.m.;Tues/Wed/ Thurs 8.15.am;
 Fri 7.00am & 11.30am; Sat 9.00am.
 Holy Hour Fridays: 10.30-11.30am.
Berry:..... Tues 5.30pm.**Culburra** Thurs 5.30pm
Vincentia: Mon/ Thurs/Fri.8.00am; Tues/Wed 5.30pm
K Valley:... Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 9am, Wed 7am
Shoalhaven Heads: Fri 3.30pm Community Centre

Confession - Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 9.30 -10.30am; & 5.00-5.30pm
Berry: Tues 6.00pm **K Valley:** Sat 4.30-5.00pm
Vincentia: Sat 5.00-5.30pm

SVDP Rosary: Tues 9.30am St Michael's Church. All welcome

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Kathleen Lynskey** and **Amy Edna Jones**. Also **Beryl Ison, Austin Pavlich, Dallas Carberry** and **John Lenehan** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Michael's on Wednesday Dec 18th at 7.00.p.m.

Parishioners are encouraged to use this opportunity to prepare sacramentally for the Feast of Christmas. Four priests will be available for the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation.

Pope Francis is a great advocate of the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance in our lives.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards & Columban Calendars are available for sale at churches.

Culburra Christmas Hamper Raffle: Tickets on sale at Mass. All hamper donations gratefully accepted.

Pope Francis backs campaign to end 'scandal' of world hunger. People must stand united against the scandal of hunger while avoiding food waste and irresponsible use of the world's resources, Pope Francis has said. Pope Francis offered his blessing and support for the **'One Human Family, Food For All'** campaign in a video message. With about one billion people still suffering from hunger today, *'we cannot look the other way and pretend this does not exist'*, he said in the message. By sharing in Christian charity with those *'who face numerous obstacles'*, the Pope said, *'we promote an authentic cooperation with the poor so that, through the fruits of their and our work, they can live a dignified life.'*



Nativity Play Christmas Eve Vigil Mass; 7pm Tues 24 Dec, during the Gospel. Would your primary school age child like to take part in this special Mass? If so, please bring them to the practice on Mon 23 Dec at 11am in St Michael's School Hall. Parents must stay to supervise their children. Contact person Annette 0438 831 472.



Shoalhaven Lydian Singers' Christmas Concert **'Joyeux Noel'** will be held **Sun15 Dec 2.30 pm** at Nowra School of Arts. Cost: \$20. Pensioner discount available.

Explore And Discover New Riches in Mass, Music, Prayer and Worship – Wollongong 15-18 January 2014 Engage with inspirational speakers on an amazing array of topics. Experience showcases and deepen your love and knowledge of prayer and worship. Over 460 are already confirmed for this special conference in Wollongong. Full details of the conference and online registration process are available at www.liftupyourhearts.com.au. GST free pricing for parishes and other members of the Catholic GST Group.

Culburra Church Cleaning - Saturday 21 Dec at 8.30am. A comprehensive **Christmas and Holiday Mass Timetable** for the entire Parish is now available. Copies at all of the Churches

Good Samaritan leader wins Human Rights Medal. Sister Clare Condon, the leader of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, has won the 2013 Human Rights Medal for her work in helping victims of domestic violence, reports AAP in *The Australian*. Sr Clare told the 200-strong crowd she was humbled by the award, and accepted it on behalf of all the sisters who had fought for human rights in Australia for 156 years. *'Thank you for honouring the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. May they continue to work for the dignity of every person,'* she told the animated audience. Parishioners will recall that Sister was our much appreciated Guest Speaker at our Sesquicentenary Dinner in September.



Children's Liturgy of the Word If you are interested in organising and/or presenting Children's Liturgy of the Word in 2014, please contact the Parish Office. There is an urgent need for interested parents/parishioners to continue this work.

As you would be aware there are many elderly and house-bound parishioners scattered throughout the parish. Due to re-location within the parish, and/or in some instances from without, we don't have names or addresses. Our first contact with such people is frequently through the hospital or Nursing Homes. Although we endeavour to keep pastoral contact with our many aged and sick parishioners, our lists are obviously incomplete. If you know of such Catholics within the parish not being pastorally visited, please contact the Parish Office.



Members of CWL Nowra Branch would like to thank all Parishioners for their support throughout 2013 and with the Christmas Raffle.

Results: 1st Mrs Steiner; 2nd J. Egan; 3rd Maureen Burns; 4th Jane Sherlock; and 5th C. Longford.

Why not consider a copy of the Sesquicentenary Book- 'A Faithful People' as a Christmas gift.?



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EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL SYNOD OF BISHOPS IN ROME NEXT OCT. ADDRESSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: For those wishing to contribute to the questionnaire on-line it is suggested that you use the online response form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/synod>



Parish Staff - Parish Office: 4423 1712

Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest, Nowra

Fr Duane Fernandez: Assistant Priest, Nowra:

Fr Leo Duck: Vincentia; 4441 5571

Fr Ronan Kilgannon: Kangaroo Valley.

Deacon Peter Presdee - Chaplain to Corrective Services

Mrs Lyn West: Catechist Coordinator, 4423 1009

Mrs Liz Nimmo: Part-time Parish Secretary 4423 1712

Mrs Cath Elton: Part-time Parish Secretary 4423 1712